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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.   (currently amended) A method for updating <u>content in an electronic document</u> ~~a piece of data~~, wherein the updating relies on the existence of a persisted policy scheme, the method comprising:

accepting the <u>electronic document</u> ~~piece of data~~;

determining whether the <u>electronic document</u> ~~piece of data~~ is subject to the persisted policy scheme; and

replacing a portion of the <u>content of the electronic document</u> ~~piece of data~~ with an indicating piece of data.

2.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the <u>electronic document</u> ~~piece of data~~ is an electronic mail (e-mail) communication.

3.   (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the determining and replacing are performed on a scheduled interval.

4.   (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the determining and replacing are performed on an ad-hoc basis.

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5.   (currently amended) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for performing a method for updating <u>content in an electronic document</u> a piece of data, wherein the updating relies on the existence of a persisted policy scheme, the method comprising:

accepting the <u>electronic document</u> piece of data;

determining whether the <u>electronic document</u> piece of data is subject to the persisted policy scheme; and

replacing a portion of the <u>content of the electronic document</u> piece of data with an indicating piece of data.

6.   (currently amended) A method for updating <u>content in an electronic document</u> a piece of data, wherein the updating relies on the existence of a persisted policy scheme, the method comprising:

accepting the <u>electronic document</u> piece of data;

determining whether the <u>electronic document</u> piece of data is subject to the persisted policy scheme; and

deleting the <u>content of the electronic document</u> piece of data.

7.   (currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein the <u>electronic document</u> piece of data is an electronic mail (e-mail) communication.

8.   (original) The method of claim 6 wherein the determining and replacing are performed on a scheduled interval.

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9.   (original) The method of claim 6 wherein the determining and replacing are performed on

an ad-hoc basis.

10.   (currently amended) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for performing

a method for updating content in an electronic document ~~a piece of data~~, wherein the

updating relies on the existence of a persisted policy scheme, the method comprising:

accepting the electronic document ~~piece of data~~;

determining whether the electronic document ~~piece of data~~ is subject to the persisted

policy scheme; and

deleting the content of the electronic document ~~piece of data~~.

11.   (currently amended) A method for updating content in an electronic document ~~a piece of~~

~~data~~, wherein the updating relies on the existence of a persisted policy scheme, the

method comprising:

accepting the electronic document ~~piece of data~~;

determining whether the electronic document ~~piece of data~~ is subject to the persisted

policy scheme; and

replacing a portion of the content of the electronic document ~~piece of data~~ with a

refreshed copy of the portion of the content of the electronic document ~~piece of data~~.

12.   (currently amended) The method of claim 11 wherein the electronic document ~~piece of~~

~~data~~ is an electronic mail (e-mail) communication.

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13.   (original) The method of claim 11 wherein the determining and replacing are performed

on a scheduled interval.

14.   (original) The method of claim 11 wherein the determining and replacing are performed

on an ad-hoc basis.

15.   (currently amended) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for performing

a method for updating content in an electronic document a piece of data, wherein the

updating relies on the existence of a persisted policy scheme, the method comprising:

accepting the electronic document piece of data;

determining whether the electronic document piece of data is subject to the persisted

policy scheme; and

replacing a portion of the content of the electronic document piece of data with a

refreshed copy of the portion of the content of the electronic document piece of data.

16.   (currently amended) A method for specifying an updating process for content in an

electronic document a piece of data, wherein the updating relies on the existence of a

persisted policy scheme, the method comprising configuring the updating process to

replace a portion of the content of the electronic document piece of data with an

indicating piece of data.

17.   (original) The method of claim 16 further comprising defining an interval for the

updating process to be performed.

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18.   (original) The method of claim 16 further comprising defining the updating process to be performed on an ad-hoc basis.

19.   (currently amended) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for performing a method for specifying an updating process for <u>content in an electronic document</u> ~~a piece of data~~, wherein the updating relies on the existence of a persisted policy scheme, the method comprising configuring the updating process to replace a portion of the <u>content of the electronic document</u> ~~piece of data~~ with an indicating piece of data.

20.   (currently amended) A method for specifying an updating process for <u>content in an electronic document</u> ~~a piece of data~~, wherein the updating relies on the existence of a persisted policy scheme, the method comprising configuring the updating process to delete the <u>content of the electronic document</u> ~~piece of data~~.

21.   (original) The method of claim 20 further comprising defining an interval for the updating process to be performed.

22.   (original) The method of claim 20 further comprising defining the updating process to be performed on an ad-hoc basis.

23.   (currently amended) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for performing a method for specifying an updating process for <u>content in an electronic document</u> ~~a piece~~

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of data, wherein the updating relies on the existence of a persisted policy scheme, the

method comprising configuring the updating process to delete the <u>content of the</u>

<u>electronic document</u> piece of data.

24.   (currently amended) A method for specifying an updating process for <u>content in an</u>

<u>electronic document</u> a piece of data, wherein the updating relies on the existence of a

persisted policy scheme, the method comprising configuring the updating process to

replace a portion of the <u>content of the electronic document</u> piece of data with a refreshed

copy of the portion of the <u>content of the electronic document</u> piece of data.

25.   (original) The method of claim 24 further comprising defining an interval for the

updating process to be performed.

26.   (original) The method of claim 24 further comprising defining the updating process to be

performed on an ad-hoc basis.

27.   (currently amended) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for performing

a method for specifying an updating process for <u>content in an electronic document</u> a piece

of data, wherein the updating relies on the existence of a persisted policy scheme, the

method comprising configuring the updating process to replace a portion of the <u>content of</u>

<u>the electronic document</u> piece of data with a refreshed copy of the portion of the <u>content</u>

<u>of the electronic document</u> piece of data.